



# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

### 2011 REGULAR SESSION

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HOUSE BILL NO. 278

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The following bill was reported to the Senate from the House and ordered to be printed.

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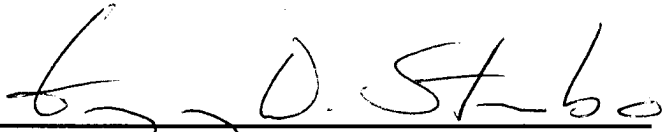
1 AN ACT relating to nurse education.

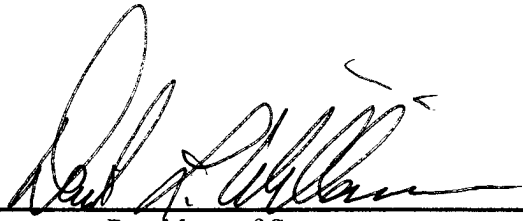
2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

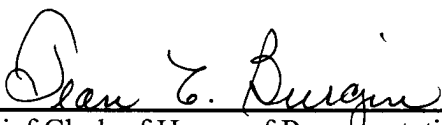
3 ➔Section 1. KRS 164.298 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) The governing board as defined in KRS 164.001 of each eligible postsecondary  
5 education institution and college as defined in KRS 164.945 shall collaborate with  
6 the Kentucky Board of Nursing to ensure that each university offering an advanced  
7 practice doctoral degree in nursing complies with the accreditation standards of the  
8 National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or the Commission on  
9 Collegiate Nursing Education and with minimal education and licensure standards  
10 for admission to and graduation from an advanced practice doctoral program in  
11 nursing.

12 (2) Each university offering an advanced nursing practice doctoral program shall refer  
13 to the degree as the "doctor of nursing practice," with the degree being abbreviated  
14 as "DNP." Any advertisement about the advanced nursing practice doctoral program  
15 shall not refer to graduates using the term "doctor." Graduates of the program shall  
16 accurately portray their academic credentials as well as their registered nurse and  
17 advanced practice registered nurse credentials, if applicable, subject to sanction  
18 under KRS 311.375(4).

  
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Speaker-House of Representatives

  
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President of Senate

Attest:   
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Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved   
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Governor

Date 3-16-11